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1. IN CONNECTION WITH DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR JOINT INDONESIAN-US COMMISSION, PRESUME YOU ARE AWARE OF HEAVNER PROPOSALS OF JULY 1974 AND MY LETTER OF COMMENT TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER OF AUGUST 12, 1974.

2. WHILE CURRENT CONCEPT MAY BE FOR PURELY GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION, I BELIEVE INVOLVEMENT IN SOME FORM OF PRIVATE AND FOUNDATION SECTORS MAY HAVE SOME MERIT. THIS MIGHT BE ONE WAY OF TEMPORING UNDUE EXPECTATIONS OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

3. CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION IDEA IN 1974 WAS IN CONTEXT OF POSSIBLE PHASE OUT OF AID PROGRAM. WHILE THIS IS NOT, PERHAPS, AS IMMINENT, BUILDUP OF TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER US GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND WITH PRIVATE SECTOR IS STILL DESIRABLE OBJECTIVE. COMMISSION COULD, IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS OF MAJOR POLICY, SERVE AS CLEARING HOUSE FOR TRANSFER OF
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TECHNOLOGY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

4. WHEN I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK JULY 24, I ASKED HIM WHETHER HE HAD HEARD ANY DISCUSSION ON INDONESIAN SIDE OF JOINT COMMISSION AND HAD ANY VIEWS REGARDING THEIR CONCEPT OF IDEA. I SAID I WAS EXPECTING MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS WHICH I WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS WITH HIM. HE SAID INDONESIAN MILITARY INCLINED SEE THIS IDEA SOLELY IN MILITARY TERMS AND WAS PERHAPS MOVING MORE RAPIDLY THAN OTHER PARTS OF GOVERNMENT. HE BELIEVED STRONGLY AND HAD SO INFORMED PRESIDENT THAT COMMISSION SHOULD EMBRACE NOT ONLY MILITARY BUT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ASPECTS. HE REFERRED TO JOINT INDONESIAN-AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION AS MODEL.

5. WE ARE REQUESTING AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION ON THEIR COMMISSION AND WILL ADVISE YOU WHEN WE HAVE IT.
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